[Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai]

other than that fixed at the time the loan was first raised. So I propose the amendment standing in my name for sub clause (2) of clause 3 of the Bill.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I second it.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I have no objection to accepting this amendment.

The question that clause 3, as amended, do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 3 was added to the Bill.

The question that clause 4 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 4 was added to the Bill.

The question that clause 5 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 5 was added to the Bill.

The question that clause 6 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 6 was added to the Bill.

The question that the Title and Preamble do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Title and Preamble were added to the Bill.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill as amended be passed.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Travancore Industrial Statistics Bill and move that the Bill be read in the Assembly. The Bill is intended to enable industrial statistics to be prepared. There is a similar statute in British India and that Act is about to be enforced there. The main object of the Bill is to empower a statistical authority to collect information regarding factories and also to ascertain the welfare of industrial labour and matters pertaining to labour. This is a very important Bill and I commend it for the acceptance of the House.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA: I welcome this Bill. It is stated in the object that "It is necessary to co-operate with the Government of India in the matter of such All India importance by taking parallel action as early as possible." Even otherwise I think it would be very useful to us. I say so because within the last one decade we have launched out very many industrial schemes. Therefore we must have statistics about them. It is also good for establishing the welfare of

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the labour. But I want to point out one or two matters such as time of visit by officers and punishments; especially I must point out that the punishments contemplated in the Bill are very excessive. Therefore I feel it should be referred to a Select Committee.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: It will be referred to a select committee.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANAN PILLAI: I agree with the observations made by Mr. Pereira. I believe that very stringent provisions have been made to enable officers to examine the condition and the working of the factories in the State. In view of the announcement made just now that the Bill will be referred to a select committee, I do not want to make any speech now.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: In supporting the Bill I may state that the objections raised by Mr. Pereira and Mr. Janardhanan Pillai certainly cannot prevail because it is a Bill which is attempted for the welfare of the labour and the capitalists generally will be so powerful as to exert any influence in any manner on any people. In dealing with all these people I certainly think that restrictions of the sort suggested in the Bill are necessary and penalties suggested must be severe so that the capitalists may not go against the provisions of the law. With these few words, I support the Bill.

The Secretary read the short title of the Bill.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting the following gentlemen.

1. Deputy President.
2. Mr. J. E. A. Pereira
3. ,, K. K. Chellappan Pillai
4. ,, V. Madhavan
5. ,, T. P. Velayudhan Pillai
6. ,, P. K. Kunju
7. ,, Sulaiman Sait
8. ,, M. L. Janardhanan Pillai.

The question that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce The Travancore Village Panchayat Act (Amendment) Bill and move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: Under Section 10 of the existing Village Panchayat Act a member of a Village Panchayat ceases to be a member on the termination of a period of three years. The election

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